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EYES ONLY FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT : PUBLIC STATEMENT ON SISCO RESIGNATION

1. I WANT FOLLOWING VERY WARM STATEMENT ISSUED IN MY NAME
WHEN JOE SISCO'S RESIGNATION IS ANNOUNCED.

2. BEGIN TEXT: I HAVE ACCEPTED UNDER SECRETARY SISCO'S
RESIGNATION ONLY WITH THE DEEPEST REGRET. MR AND MRS SISCO
MADE A GREAT PERSONAL SACRIFICE WHEN MR SISCO GAVE UP A
COLLEGE PRESIDENCY IN 1973 TO STAY ON IN THE DEPARTMENT
AFTER I ASSUMED MY DUTIES AS SECRETARY OF STATE. WE
CANNOT FURTHER STAND IN HIS WAY.

3. I HAVE WORKED WITH MR SISCO SINCE I CAME TO WASHINGTON,
AND HE HAS BECOME ONE OF MY CLOSEST ADVISERS. HE IS ONE OF
THE MOST DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS AND PUBLIC
SERVANTS IN OUR GOVERNMENT TODAY, AND I MUST ADD THAT HE
IS ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS. HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE WILL BE A GREAT LOSS TO ME PERSONALLY AND TO MY
MANY COLLEAGUES WHO SHARE MY DEEP RESPECT FOR WHAT HE HAS
DONE FOR HIS COUNTRY.

4. HE LEAVES WITH OUR AFFECTION AND BEST WISHES. END
TEXT.

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